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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the paper (dated December 19, 2003) indicating that the previous Response to the Restriction Requirement (dated October 20, 2003) was not fully responsive, please prosecute claims 22, 25-37, and 41-57, which are generic, claims 23 and 58, which read on species A, and claim 39, which reads on species D. The paper stated that the reply failed to indicate claims readable on the elected species.

As indicated in the original response to the restriction requirement (dated September 23, 2003), the Applicant elected, with traverse, Species A and D, to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Again, although it is acknowledged that species A and B are patentably distinct, it is respectfully submitted that a search and examination of these species would not seriously burden the Examiner. These species are generally related such that a search for one species would be similar to a search for the other species. The same can be said for species C-E. Furthermore, the Examiner has already conducted several searches since this invention is a continuing application. As such, a substantial number of prior art has already been found. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction be withdrawn.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. LAM1P132C1).

Respectfully submitted,
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